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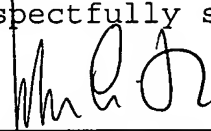
Attention: Office of PCT Legal Administration

Sir:

The decision mailed 15 July 2003 sets a time of two months for submitting a proper translation of the International application. The notification of defective response mailed 30 August 2002 indicates that the only defect in the English translation of the International application is that the text in the drawings has not been properly translated. The reply to notification of defective response included a copy of sheets 1-3 and 6-11 of the drawings with foreign language text properly translated into English. Applicant has received a 371 Acceptance Letter (notice of acceptance of application under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495) mailed 9 January 2003 indicating that the International application has met the requirements of 35 USC 371 and is accepted for national patentability examination in the United States. The 371 Acceptance Letter indicates implicitly that the reply to notification of defective response included an adequate translation of the text in the drawings. Applicant

therefore requests that the requirement to submit a proper translation of the International application, set forth in the decision mailed 15 July 2003, should be withdrawn or that applicant should be informed of the manner in which the translation is defective.

Respectfully submitted,



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